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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/688,058 entitled "METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR VACCINATION COMPRISING NUCLEIC ACID AND/OR POLYPEPTIDE SEQUENCES OF THE GENUS BORRELIA" – Kathryn F. Sykes et al.*
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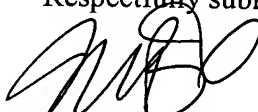
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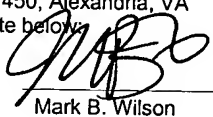
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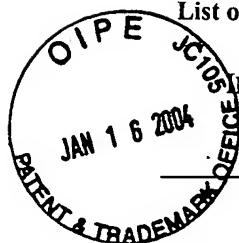
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